

City of Franklin Common Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 3, 2015

The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Franklin, Indiana was called to order at 6:07 p.m. at City Hall, 70 E. Monroe Street, with Mayor Joseph E. McGuinness presiding. Mayor McGuinness opened the meeting and asked the Clerk-Treasurer to call the roll. Council members Joseph Abban, Joseph Ault, Kenneth Austin, Stephen Barnett, Stephen Hougland, Dr. William T. Murphy and Richard Wertz answered roll call. Clerk-Treasurer Janet P. Alexander, Records Clerk Kathy Cragen, City Attorney Lynnette Gray were also present.

Councilor Murphy offered an invocation. Mayor McGuinness led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements & Presentations

There were none presented.

Consent Agenda

Mayor McGuinness presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of the July 20, 2015 Common Council Minutes
- **Common Council Budgetary Resolution No.: 15-02 Authorizing a Transfer from Rainy Day Supplies to Capital** - Clerk-Treasurer Janet P. Alexander

Council President Barnett made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Councilor Murphy. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Old Business

There was no old business presented.

New Business

There was no new business presented.

Other Business

2016 Budget Development Instructions – Clerk-Treasurer Janet Alexander requested Council guidance to prepare the 2016 budget by the next meeting. Ms. Alexander stated that she must prepare the budget for submittal to the county by August 28th. Tonight she is requesting guidance on salary

increases and operating budgets. She also stated that she would be presenting salary ordinances for appointed officers, civil city, sewer utility, elected officials and a new salary ordinance for pensioners belonging to the non-converted old pension fund (police & fire). It has been a tradition that the non-converted pensioners in old fund (police & fire) receive around half a percentage of whatever was given to other employees. Ms. Alexander stated that she needs direction for salaries and City employees' insurance payments, as PERF is calculated dependent on salaries. Mayor McGuinness stated he had met with all department heads one on one to discuss their 2016 budgets. The Mayor would like to propose a 3% salary increase. A discussion was held. Clerk-Treasurer Alexander stated at the next meeting she will bring draft salary ordinances for council to look over, and then bring back final documents at the following meeting. The budget adoption is schedule for October 5, 2015.

Report of the Franklin Redevelopment Commission to City Council Pursuant to I.C. 36-7-14-13(e)
Clerk-Treasurer Janet Alexander and Community Development Director Krista Linke reviewed the report provided to the Council last week via email regarding 2014 TIF. Clerk-Treasurer Alexander stated that next year this report will be due by April 15th. A discussion was held.

Council Comments

Councilor Ault asked about the status of "The Old Post Brew Pub". Community Development Director Krista Linke stated that this will project will be discussed at the next RDC meeting, as they have requested a status update. There was a 24 month time period in this agreement, and there is about six months left at this time. The developers have done a lot of work to update the building.

Mayor McGuinness stated that there would be a joint Council & School Board meeting at 6:00 p.m. on August 24th in the LGI Room at Franklin Community High School.

Council President Barnett asked Police Chief O'Sullivan to update the Council on downtown truck traffic issues. Chief O'Sullivan stated that in accordance with the new City ordinance regarding semi-truck traffic in the downtown area, the police department has dedicated patrols in the downtown corridor for two hours a day for two weeks which will pull over any semis and issuing warnings or tickets. Chief O'Sullivan also stated that there is signage on US31 going northbound, so there should be no unnecessary truck traffic downtown.

Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 6:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer

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Enrolled: 8/13/2015

Joseph McGuinness, Mayor

Attest:

Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer